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Summary Information

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| Repository | Rare Books and Manuscripts |
| Title | Dorothy Riker collection |
| Date | 1851, 1948 |
| Extent | 0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder |
| Language | English |
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Biographical Note

Dorothy Riker was born in Elwood, Indiana, on September 25, 1904. She worked as a research assistant at the Indiana Historical Bureau from 1929-1945. From 1946-1971, Ms. Riker was editor of the Historical Collections for the Indiana Historical Bureau. Beginning in 1971 until her retirement in 1979, she was editor for the Indiana Historical Society's publications. She died on November 6, 1994.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of one typed page entitled "First printing of Indiana Constitution of 1851 was in Cincinnati, even though it bears imprint of Kent and Norman of New Albany." Milton Gregg, editor of the *New Albany Tribune*, charged Robert Dale Owen, William H. English, George W. Carr, and others with padding their expense accounts. Both Robert Dale Owen and George W. Carr give replies.

Also in the collection is a history of Indiana historical documents, written to correspond in time with the passage of the Freedom Train through the United States (circa 1948). Specific documents named are Hennepin's account of LaSalle's exploration of the St. Joseph River, in his description of Louisiana, written in 1683; letter of George Croghan on his having smoked the peace pipe with Chief Pontiac; the letter of Patrick Henry giving instructions for the assembling of forces under George Rogers Clark; George Rogers Clark's records of his July 4th capture of Kaskaskia; the oath allegiance of the French inhabitants of Vincennes to the American cause; Lieutenant Helm's letter written before his surrender of Fort Vincennes to the British; George Rogers Clark's Memoir describing his expedition to retake Vincennes; the documents of the surrender of Fort Vincennes by the British to Clark; the original record book kept by the trustees who allocated 150,000 acres to Clark and his men (in the Indiana State Library); Ordinance of the Northwest Territory (on the Freedom Train); the first and second constitutions of the state of Indiana; the Mammoth Internal Improvements Bill of 1836; a bill establishing a state bank in Indiana; and treaties with the Indiana.

Dorothy Riker backgrounds these documents with the historical settings that produced them. Many of these documents were on display at the Indiana State Library, the Indiana Historical Society Library, and public libraries throughout the state during the time the Freedom Train made its way through the United States.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing and finding aid completed 2014/10/23 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield. EAD finding aid revised 2017/05/24 by Lauren Patton.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Constitutions

- Correspondence

Geographic Name(s)

- Elwood (Ind.)
- Indiana

Personal Name(s)

- Carr, George W.
- English, William E. (William Eastin), 1850-1926
- Owen, Robert Dale, 1801-1877
- Riker, Dorothy Lois, 1904-

Subject(s)

- Freedom Train